

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please rewrite the paragraph running from line 1 to line 2 of page 12 of the Substitute Specification as follows:

In order to reduce friction between the item stack 2 and the transport substrate 1, as shown in FIG. 3 a friction-reducing layer 2' can be provided. This layer 2' can be a thin layer of oil or a low-friction foil ~~For example, the lowest layer of paper can be oiled. However, it is also entirely possible to provide a thin sheet between the transport substrate 1 and the lowest paper underlayer, the thin sheet preferably having a low coefficient of friction.~~